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Serial No. 09/929,833)
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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

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Please insert the following heading immediately preceding the sentence beginning at page 1, line 9:

-- Background of the Invention --

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Please delete the heading "Description of the prior art" appearing at page 1, line 26.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--The method developed by Prof. Brown represents a first class of solutions. This method permits, by means of